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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Gerard M. Housey
Serial No. : 09/510,562
Filing Date : February 22, 2000
For: : METHOD FOR SCREENING FOR PROTEIN
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Examiner : Saunders, David A.
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2001, to which a response is due May 26, 2001 without extension of time, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment and reconsideration of the subject application. It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is now in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Since this response is being filed within three months of the date of the Office Action, it is not believed that an extension of time is necessary. The Commissioner is, however, authorized to charge any fees required in connection with the filing of this or any prior response to Kenyon & Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600 or to credit any overpayment thereto.

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Please amend application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 38-40, 42, 52-58, 66-70, and 79-86 without prejudice to filing a continuing application directed to the subject matter thereof.

REMARKS

It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing amendment places the subject application in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Prior to entry of this amendment, claims 33-34, 36-40, 42-50 and 52-86 were pending in the subject application. Claims 33-34, 36-37, 43-50, 59-65 and 71-78 have been allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for this indication of allowed subject matter. The remaining claims, 38-40, 42, 52-58, 66-70, and 79-86 have been canceled by this amendment. Accordingly, upon entry of this amendment only the allowed claims remain pending.

The Examiner objected to claim 38 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 63. It is respectfully submitted that claim 38 is not a substantial duplicate of claim 63. However, to expedite allowance, claim 38 has been canceled by this amendment.

It is believed that this amendment fully responds to the outstanding Office Action and an early Notice of Allowance is, therefore, respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to discuss any issue which the Examiner believes would expedite Allowance of the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

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